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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION ON DRAFT EVADERS, DESERTERS

- 1. INITIAL PRESS REACTION TO AMNESTYPROCLAMATION HAS BEEN NEGATIVE HERE. (SEE SEPTEL CURRENT REACTIONS). HOWEVER, WHILE DESERTERS QUOTED BY MEDIA ARE UNRELIEVEDLY HOSTILE TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM, WE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM DESERTERS WHO SEEM TO BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO THE US. SO FAR WE HAVE HAD TEN PHONE CALLS FROM DESERTERS SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM, AND AT LEAST SOME OF THEM PURPOTED TO REPRESENT OTHER DESERTERS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF SWEDEN. THIS MAY NOT REPRESENT A LANDSLIDE IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAM, BUT IT DOES DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED MILITANTS DO NOT SPEAK FOR ALL THE DESERTERS.
- 2. DESMOND CARRAGHER, A DESERTER EMPLOYED BY SWEDISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE AND YMCA "AMERICAN EXILE PROJECT," UNCLASSIFIED

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IS MOST FREQUENTLY QUOTED IN SWEDISH MEDIA. ACCORDING

TO HIM: "THE DECLARATION IS NO AMNESTY, ONLY A MITIGATION. THOSE WHO RETURN TO THE US WOULD BE FORCED TO ADMIT GUILT. THEY WILL LEGITIMIZE AMERICAN WARFARE IN VIETNAM WHICH IS STILL GOING ON AND IS BEING INTENSIFIED." STRAUSZ-HUPE

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